

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Birk et al.) Group Art Unit: 3763
Application No.: 10/562,964)
Filing Date: December 30, 2005) Examiner: Diva Ranade
10 For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FASTENING) Confirmation No.: 4253
SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE) Customer No.: 51957

15 Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

20 Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 20, 2009, please note the following amendments and remarks.

25 **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper (a Replacement Sheet and
an Annotated Sheet Showing the Change are attached hereto.)

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. A substitute specification with the amendments made to the specification (but without cross outs or interlineations) is attached.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.